

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2141 – SB 2114

April 28, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006279): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires each judge of a circuit, chancery, criminal, or other state trial court of record to be elected to an eight-year term in a contested election held at the regular August election in 2014 and at each regular August election every eight years thereafter. Establishes procedures for filling judicial vacancies that occur during the term of office. Deletes the Judicial Selection Commission (JSC) in its entirety. Reestablishes the Judicial Evaluation Commission (JEC) composed of 12 members and extends the sunset provision for the JEC to June 15, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$3,000

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Administrative Office of the Courts has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$32,900

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the costs associated with the JSC for 2007 were \$20,802.88 and \$45,094.08 for 2008 resulting in a two-year average of \$32,948.48.
- The number of members of the JEC remains the same.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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